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By: Raley

S.C.R. No. 31

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 31

WHEREAS, Texas relies heavily upon the native grasses of the rangelands to sustain the livestock that has made ranching one of our State's major industries; and

WHEREAS, Although there are many desirable forage species native to the State, one variety, sideoats grama, occurs on a greater diversity of soils than possibly any other grass; on rangelands of West Texas it is the backbone of the ranching industry; and

WHEREAS, This grass, with the botanical name of *bouteloua curtipendula* (Michx.) Torr., is a perennial with long purplish spikes and is found in nearly all parts of the State, being especially abundant in area including the Blackland Prairies, Cross Timbers, Edwards Plateau, Rolling Plains, High Plains, and TransPecos; and

WHEREAS, Sideoats grama produces a high quality, nutritious forage which is relished by all classes of livestock and wildlife; it is one of the State's most attractive grasses as well, with its brilliant orange anthers and the purple inflorescence it produces upon maturity; each spike turns to one side of the seed stalk at maturity, giving the grass its name of sideoats; and

WHEREAS, This grass is also favored because it is not only winter hardy but is highly drought resistant due to the fact that it is a long-lived perennial grass with rhizomes; in some years the grass produces two seed crops, and growth begins early in the spring and continues until early fall; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its use for forage, sideoats grama is being used extensively to reseed depleted grasslands, and it produces vigorous seedlings making it an excellent grass for all conservation purposes; it mixes well with other native grasses and is being used in this way more than any other grass; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas has not officially designated a state grass and both the Texas Council of Chapters, Soil Conservation Society of America, and the Texas Section, American Society of Range Management, have requested that the 62nd Legislature officially name sideoats grama as the Texas State grass; now, therefore, be it

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FORM A

(For favorable and unfavorable reports on bills and resolutions, where no committee amendments are recommended.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date MARCH 31, 1971

HON. G. F. (GUS) MUTSCHER

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on LIVESTOCK, to whom was referred SCR No. 31, have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with recommendation that it do pass, and be do not printed

The Bill was reported from Committee by the following vote:

Unanimous voice vote

Majority voice vote

Vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

Tom Hofner Chairman.

(When this form is used for a favorable report on a general bill the words "do not" are marked out. If the bill is a local bill the word "not" should be inserted before the word "printed." When used for an unfavorable report the word "do" is marked out, the comma after "pass" is changed to a period, and the remaining words also marked out.

When this form is used for a simple or concurrent resolution the comma after "pass" should be changed to a period and the remaining words stricken out because resolutions are printed in the Journal when first introduced.)

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Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 31 was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 1971.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 31 was adopted by the House on April 1, 1971.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

4-12-71
Date

Signed
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4:10 pm O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State

Handwritten signature

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APR 6 1971

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By: Katzeff

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

recognizing sideoats grama as state grass.

_____ Filed with the Secretary
of the Senate.

_____ Read first time and
referred to Committee on

_____ Reported favorably.

_____ Ordered not printed by
the Senate.

Immediate consideration ordered by

{ unanimous consent.

{ _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ Read and Adopted.

Secretary of the Senate

FEB 23 1971

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Read and Adopted.

Charles Schnabel

Secretary of the Senate

2-23-71 Engrossed

Bea Lewis

Engrossing Clerk

FEB 24 1971 Sent to House.

FEB 24 1971

Received from
the Senate

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

READ 1st TIME
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
FEB 25 1971

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Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAR 31 1971 REPORTED FAVORABLY SENT TO THE SPEAKER

DATE APR 1 1971

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 1 1971 RETURNED TO SENATE

RETURNED APR 5 1971
FROM HOUSE